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SUBJECT: PLO OBSERVERS - GENEVA

1. MANZ (SWISS OBSERVER OFFICE) CALLED ON MISOFF TO ASCERTAIN WHAT TREATMENT USG PLANNING TO ACCORD PLO OBSERVERS.

2. IN RESPONSE PROBING, MANZ INFORMED MISOFF ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS SWISS HAVE RECEIVED DEMARCH FROM DIRECTOR GENERAL UN OFFICE GENEVA WINSPEARE GUICCIARDI REQUESTING THEM TO GRANT PLO "NECESSARY PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES PURSUANT TO GA RES 3237." MANZ SAID SWISS DID NOT SEE HOW THEY COULD GRANT PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES AND WERE ANNOYED AT WINSPEARE GUICCIARDI'S REQUEST. MANZ ASKED WHETHER WE HAD RECEIVED ANY SUCH DEMARCHE.

3. MISOFF SAID WE GRANTING PLO NO PRIVILEGES OR IMMUNITIES OTHER THAN A) ISSUANCE OF VISA, B) NO CHARGE FOR VISA AND C) NECESSARY PROTECTION WHILE IN TRANSIT AS REQUIRED BY SECTIONS 11 AND 13 OF HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT. MISOFF CONFIRMED NEWSPAPER STORIES

THAT VISA WAS B-1 AND THAT PLO WOULD NEED REQUEST PERMISSION IN ORDER TRAVEL OUTSIDE 25 MILE RADIUS FROM COLUMBUS CIRCLE.

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4. MISOFF SAID WE HAD HAD NO COMPARABLE DEMARCHE FROM UN SECRETARIAT WHOM WE HAD REASON TO BELIEVE HAD NO PROBLEM WITH TREATMENT WE PLANNING ACCORD PLO.

5. MANZ SAID HE HAD TALKED BRIEFLY WITH UN LEGAL COUNSEL SUY JUST BEFORE LATTER'S DEPARTURE AND FORMED IMPRESSION SUY SAW NO BASIS FOR WINSPEARE CUICCIARDI'S APPROACH TO GOS.

6. WE PLAN CONTACT SUY ON HIS RETURN TO NY, INFORM HIM OUR POLICY RE PLO AND SUGGEST LACK OF LEGAL BASIS FOR REQUIREMENT FOR DIFFERENT TREATMENT IN GENEVA.

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